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## DEFENSE DISTRIBUTION DEPOT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

**YOKOSUKA, JAPAN** – United States Navy Supply Corps Cmdr. F. Kent Vredenburg will relinquish command of the Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan (DDYJ) to United States Navy Supply Corps Cmdr. Will A. Clarke in an official ceremony on Tuesday, July 26, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fleet Theater, Commander, Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, Japan. Officiating the ceremony will be Ms. Phyllis C. Campbell, SES, Deputy Commander, Defense Distribution Center, New Cumberland, Penn.

Cmdr. Vredenburg has been DDYJ's Commander since July of 2003. His next assignment will be at the Defense Distribution Center Headquarters in New Cumberland, Penn.

Cmdr. Clarke comes to DDYJ after having served as the Deputy Division Head of Contracts for the Navy's Strike Fighter and next generation Electronic Attack Aircraft Programs (PMA 265) at the Naval Air Systems Command in Patuxent River, Maryland.

DDYJ is the ninth largest of 26 distribution facilities within the Defense Distribution Center and the Defense Logistics Agency's largest facility in the Pacific. The DDYJ workforce is comprised of U.S. military, civil service and Japanese employees. DDYJ performs routine and high priority distribution operations to include receipt, storage, and issue, with related distribution functions to include transshipment, preservation, packing, Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office consolidation, and Ozone Depleting Substance bottle collection for the Far East.

DDYJ is composed of 32 buildings located on three separate storage sites which contain 4 million cubic feet of covered storage and 86,000 square feet of open storage. With headquarters located on board Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, DDYJ has

a detachment in Sasebo and a third site in Yokohama. DDYJ is strategically located to provide joint logistic support throughout the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean, and Persian Gulf areas of responsibility. DDYJ provides a full range of physical distribution support to all military U.S. services. Support is primarily provided to the ships including the Carrier Strike Group homeported in Yokosuka, the Amphibious Readiness Group homeported in Sasebo, and numerous U.S. naval vessels transiting the 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet area of responsibility. Support is also given to major industrial shore commands and bases throughout Japan, Singapore, Diego Garcia and naval assets in the Persian Gulf. Additionally, the distribution center is an integral player in the contingency plans for transition to war scenarios in the Far East.

Major items processed and distributed by DDYJ include depot level repairable, industrial, medical, general, construction, clothing and textile, hazardous, bottled gas, and Level I/Subsafe materials.

*Defense Distribution Center, New Cumberland, Penn., is the Defense Logistics Agency's Lead Center for Distribution. DLA provides supply support and technical and logistics services to the military services and to several civilian agencies. Headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va., DLA is the one source for nearly every consumable item, whether for combat readiness, emergency preparedness or day-to-day operations.*

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